



Notice of Public Hearing and Participant Funding

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CNSC to conduct a public hearing on Orano's application for the revocation of its Cluff Lake uranium mine and mill operating licence

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a public hearing on March 1 or 2, 2023, to consider an application from Orano Canada Inc. (Orano) for the revocation of its uranium mine and mill operating licence, in order to release the now-decommissioned site from licensing under the [Nuclear Safety and Control Act](#) (NSCA). The Cluff Lake Project is located in northern Saskatchewan, 30 km east of the provincial border with Alberta and 75 km south of Lake Athabasca, in Treaty 8 territory, the Homeland of the Métis, and is within the traditional territories of the Dene, Cree, and Métis peoples.

The Cluff Lake Project is a former uranium mine and mill site that was decommissioned in 2005 and has since been in post-decommissioning monitoring and maintenance. The site consists of fully decommissioned open-pit mines, a fully decommissioned mill, a waste rock area, and a fully decommissioned tailings management area. Orano is requesting that the Commission release the property from licensing under the NSCA with the intention of transferring it to provincial oversight under Saskatchewan's Institutional Control Program (ICP).

The provincial regulations that establish the ICP require the province to be exempt from CNSC licensing in relation to any properties entering the program. With this in mind, the Commission will also consider whether to exempt the Province of Saskatchewan from requiring a licence for the released property, pursuant to section 7 of the NSCA.

Date: March 1 or 2, 2023
Place: To be determined
Time: As set by the agenda published prior to the hearing date

The public hearing will be webcast live and available on the CNSC website at nuclearsafety.gc.ca.

In advance of the public hearing, the CNSC is making available up to **\$100,000** in funding through its [Participant Funding Program](#). The purpose of the funding is to assist Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public and stakeholders in reviewing Orano's application and associated documents, and in participating in the Commission hearing process by providing topic-specific interventions to the Commission. Participant funding applications must clearly demonstrate how the proposed submission will provide the Commission with information directly relating to Orano's application. Please note that the \$100,000 will be disbursed among

all successful applicants. The deadline for submitting a completed participant funding application form to the CNSC is **September 30, 2022**.

Orano's submission and CNSC staff's recommendations to be considered at the hearing will be available on the CNSC website, or on request to the Commission Registry, after **November 18, 2022**.

Pursuant to rule 19 of the [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Rules of Procedure](#), persons who have an interest or expertise in this matter or information that may be useful to the Commission in coming to a decision are invited to comment, in writing, on Orano's application. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Commission Registry by **January 12, 2023**, using the [online request form](#), [email](#) or the contact information below. **The request to intervene must include the following information:**

- a written submission of the comments to be presented to the Commission
- the requester's name, address, telephone number and email address

In addition, the CNSC will allow Indigenous intervenors the opportunity to make oral presentations in the spirit of reconciliation and in recognition of the Indigenous oral tradition for sharing knowledge.

All submissions will be available for download on the CNSC website or on request to the Commission Registry. Personal information, such as email address and telephone number, is essential for linking the submission to its author. If you wish to ensure the confidentiality of your personal information, please submit it on a separate page.

For further information on the Participant Funding Program, contact:

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For further information on the public Commission hearing process, or on the licensee or the facility being considered in this matter, or to request documents, contact:

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